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SUBJECT: PENDING EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR NEW APARTMENTS AND
COMMERCIAL OFFICE FACILITIES

REF: MOSCOW 3916 AND PVIOUS

1. DURING APRIL 10 MEETING WITH KORNIYENKO I AGAIN REASED OUR
OUTSTANDING REQST FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE AND ADDITIONAL
EMBASSY APARTMENTS. I NOTED THAT MAYOR PROMYSLOV HAD TOLD ME
ON APRIL 2 THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER. SUBSEQUENTLY, DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN HAD MENTIONED AT AIRPORT MEETING ON
APRIL 5 WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF FURTSEVA THAT PROMYSLOV HAD
CALLED HIM FIRYUBIN TOLD ME HE INTENDED TO SEE OUR REQUEST
THROUGH AND YET WHEN ADMIN COUNSELOR CALLED AT UPDK YESTERDAY
FOR
DETAILS, HE WAS TOLD NO APARTMENTS WOULD BE AVAIL-
ABLE BEFORE JULY -- WHICH IS VERY LATE IN VIEW OF OUR URGENT
NEEDS -- AND WAS GIVEN NO DEFINITE WORD AT ALL ON COMMERCIAL
OFFICE SPACE.

2. KORNIYENKO REPLIED THAT HE HAD GOOD NEWS FOR ME: THE MOSCOW
CITY COUNCIL HAS REACHED A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO TRANT THE
EMBASSY' S REQUEST FOR SPACE. AT THE WORDS, " DECISION IN PRIN-
CIPLO," KORNIYENKO HIMSELF COULD NOT REPRESS A CHUCKLE, BUT HE
RECOVERED RAPIDLY TO SAY THAT THIS WAS REALLY VERY IMPORTANT.
THE CITY COUNCIL IS NOW LOOKING FOR CONCRETE FACILITIES AND
KORNIYENKO SAID HE THINKS THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING SOON. HE WAS
UNWILLING, HOWEVER, TO SPECULATE AS TO WHEN " SOON" MIGHT BE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY KORNIYENKO CONFIRMED THAT THE " CECISION
IN PRINCIPLE" APPLIES TO NEW APRATMENTS AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL OFFICE
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SPACE. HE SAID HE WOULD BE SURPRISED, HOWEVER, IF IT DID NOT TAKE SOME TIME TO SATISFY ALL OF THE EMBASSY'S OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR NEW APARTMENTS. THIS CONFIRMS INDICATION BY UPDK THAT THE APARTMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN BATCHES OVER TIME.

4. I AGAIN URGED PROMPT ACTION ON THIS QUESTION SINCE THE HOUSING SITUATION IS ALREADY BECOMING DESPERATE.
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